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Welcome!

Thank you for visiting our website to learn about maintaining your home and protecting yourself and your family from the hazards associated with lead-based paint.

In Kansas nearly 70% of our homes were built during the era in which lead-based paints were commonly used. This paint remains today and is often an unseen or little considered health hazard with serious consequences. If your house was built before 1978 you should be aware that lead-based paints are probably present in the paints and varnishes in your home.

Dealing with lead-based paint in housing has been in the news a great deal lately as new regulations have gone into effect that require professionals who work in housing renovation, repair or painting businesses to be trained and licensed. Through their successful education your health is better protected. If you seek professional help in working on your home be certain to ask the contractor if they are licensed with KDHE and qualified to work on older homes.

If you are planning on doing some work yourself please take the opportunity to watch the videos designed especially for you on this page. We know that homeowners take pride in their homes and want to keep them safe and healthy! We are happy to support you in your efforts. There are several publications also available for you on our website. Please take a few moments to review them before you begin. If you would like to talk to someone about this issue or if you have other questions about home safety please call us or email us and we will promptly respond.

Good luck on your home repair project. Thank you for choosing to protect your health while improving your home environment!

Sincerely

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